

Council Highlights

Friday, February 20, 1998
Roger Kimura MD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Dr Leonard Howard, President-at 5:45 p.m.

Present were Drs P. Chinn, President-elect; J. Spangler, Immediate Past President; R. Kimura, Secretary; C. Kelley, Treasurer; A. Bairos, J. Betwee, W. Chang, H.K.W., Chinn, C. Goto, G. Goto, P. Hellreich, C. Kam, P. Kim, A. Kunimoto, B. LeeLoy, C. Lehman, J. Lumeng, J. McDonnell, G. McKenna, W. McKenzie, S. Saiki, M. Shirasu, M. Sia, C. Sonido, R. Stodd, S. Wallach.

HMA Staff: J. Won, B. Kendro, N. Jones, H. Singh, J. Asato, P. Kawamoto, A. Rogness-recording secretary.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 12 meeting were approved as circulated.

Secretary's Report: Dr Kimura reported that membership numbers are similar to last year although there is an increase in resident members.

Treasurer's Report: Dr Kelley reviewed the financial reports, announced that CPA's Nishihama and Kishida have been hired to do the 1997 tax return for the Hawaii Tumor Registry and Community Research Bureau; and reported that the 1996 audit for the HMA is near completion. As soon as the audit has been completed, the 1997 auditor will be selected.

President's Report: Dr Howard reported that: 1) the Queen's Workers Comp/No Fault Contract was reviewed by the Health Care Coalition and objections were noted. The St. Francis contracts were also reviewed and changes have been sought. 2) the legal case by HMA members against PGMA has been filed; 3) since the last Council meeting Dr Howard visited Kauai County Medical Society, West Hawaii Medical Society, and the North Hawaii Community Hospital; 4) a six-person HMA delegation attended the 50th Anniversary of the celebration of the re-establishment of the new Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association, (5) the report of the Long Range Planning Committee was distributed; 6) Responses to the membership survey will be considered at the next meeting.

Component Society Reports

Maui.—Dr J. Betwee reported that Maui County Medical Society featured a meeting on Medical Malpractice with speaker Gary Hagerman, defense attorney.

Honolulu.—Dr C. Goto reported that an HCMS General Membership meeting was held on computer billing featuring three vendors. The April meeting will be a Mediterranean dinner and wine tasting.

Kauai.—Dr G. McKenna reported that Kauai County annual meeting elected Dr T. Magoun as president. Dr Howard and Mr. Won attended the meeting to bring the members up-to-date on what HMA is doing and discuss the legislative initiatives.

West Hawaii.—Dr A. Bairos reported that Dr Howard and Mr. Won attended their county meetings in North Kohala and Kona.

Hawaii.—No report.
Action taken: Council approved the American Cancer Society nomination of Paul DeMare, MD to be a member of the HMA Cancer Commission. Also approved was the Annual Meeting Committee's recommendation to set the exhibitor fees at \$975.

Alliance.—Dr Kimura reported that the liaison committee was charged with reaching a working agreement with the Alliance to assist with administration activities. The agreement was not completed inasmuch as the Alliance annual meeting was not held and new officers were not elected. Dues that were forwarded to HMA were returned to the sender noting that dues should be forwarded directly to the AMAA in Chicago.

A motion was passed to notify the acting Alliance president that no further action will be taken regarding the contract and that the HMA will not recognize an Alliance given the current situation. The American Medical Association Alliance will also be informed.

Legislative Report.—Heidi Singh prepared a detailed report for Council regarding issues currently before the legislature. It was reported that crossover at the legislature is March 6.

Annual Meeting.—Although the Council had previously given approval to holding the 1998 in Honolulu, it was not possible to reach a favorable contract. The Annual Meeting Committee recommended that the meeting be held at the Kauai Marriott, October 22-25, 1998.

OMSS.—New HCFA Rule on Conditions for Participation. The HMA Organized Medical Staff Section met to discuss proposed HCFA rules. Objections were sent to HCFA and to Hawaii's Congressional representatives.

The AMA Interim Meeting 1998 will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. HMA will host a Luau.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

